(b) and (c) Do not arise.

BOGUS APPOINTMENTS IN IZZATNAGAR DIVISION

955. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether any information has been received in regard to the bogus appointments in Izzatnagar division of North Eastern Railway during 1990; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) 9 such cases have been reported.

(b) Details are being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

EMPLOYMENT TO DEPENDENTS OF VOLUNTARILY RETIRING EMPLOYEES

956. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether dependents of railway employees proceeding on voluntary retirement are provided employment by the Railways on priority basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No preferential treatment is given to the wards of retired or voluntarily retiring railway employees as per Government policy. Dependents/wards of such employees have to compete alongwith others, aspiring for railways service.

REPLACEMENT OF COACHES AND WAGONS

957. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of wagons and coaches likely to become outdated by the year 1995;

(b) whether new arrangements have been made to replace these outdated wagons and coaches; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Perhaps, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the number of wagons and coaches becoming overaged.

By the year 1995, 70,000 wagons (in terms of 4-wheelers) and 5200 coaches would be overaged.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to manufacture about 1.28,000 wagons, in terms of Four Wheeler Units and 10.500 coaches during 91-92 to 94-95, on both additional and replacement accounts.

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NIZAMABAD-PEDDAPALLI RAILWAY LINE

958. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey was conducted for the construction of Nizamabad-Peddapalli railway line to connect the Grant Trunk rail line;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) when this project will be taken up for implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Surveys for Patencheru-Peddapali new BG line via